

To Whom it May Concern,

Penn Foster High School, a regionally and nationally accredited educational institution, offers a challenging curriculum, a wealth of student resources, and a full-time faculty. We have spent decades as a founding and longstanding member of the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC), putting us at the forefront for distance and online learning standards. Penn Foster High School is also nationally accredited by AdvancED and regionally accredited for grades 9 through adult by the Commission on Secondary Schools of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The enclosed materials detail Penn Foster High School's stringent adherence to accreditation standards and commitment to academic excellence.

We realize that admissions counselors and college registrars consider a variety of factors when reviewing potential students. One of these factors is proof of a high school diploma or the equivalent. Penn Foster High School offers a regionally and nationally accredited program that allows learners to complete their coursework in an online environment. Students must successfully complete and pass the required 21.5 high school credits (16.5 core and 5 elective credits) to earn their diploma from Penn Foster. GPA is on a four-point scale. Our transfer credit policy allows students to transfer in credits from another accredited school or a GED. For detailed course descriptions, please visit Penn Foster High School's web page: www.pennfoster.edu/high-school.

Penn Foster graduates have gone on to study at hundreds of many universities nationwide, including:

- American Institute
- American Intercontinental University
- Bryant and Stratton College
- Bucks County Community College
- Clark College
- DeVry University
- Evergreen State College
- Lincoln Technical Institute
- Madisonville Community College
- Maryville University
- McCann School of Business and Technology
- State College of Florida
- University of Phoenix
- Walden University

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you or your institution may have regarding Penn Foster High School or its accreditation and curriculum.

Sincerely,

Lisa Rutsky
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Penn Foster High School

FAQs

What comprises Penn Foster High School's curriculum?

Penn Foster High School offers an accredited program, with the required 21.5 credits (16.5 core and 5 elective credits) needed to attain our high school diploma. Following is the course categorization:*

English	Mathematics	Science	Social Sciences	Other Requirements
4 units	3 units	3 units	3 units	8.5 units
Basic English	General Math 1	Earth Science	American History	Orientation
Practical English	Consumer Math	Biology	Civics	Human Relations
Written Communication	General Math 2	Physical Science	World History	Reading Skills
Literature				Fitness and Nutrition
				Elective Courses**

*A student's transcript may vary from above based on incoming transfer credits.

**Students choose five electives which can be vocational, academic, or college-prep courses. Students may select Foreign Language, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and English courses for their electives, allowing them to fulfill admission criteria that may be required by certain institutions.

Is Penn Foster High School accredited?

Yes, Penn Foster High School is regionally accredited for grades nine through adult by the Commission on Secondary Schools of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The school is also nationally accredited by the Accrediting Commission of the Distance Education Accrediting Commission and AdvancED and licensed by the Pennsylvania State Board of Private Licensed Schools. There is more information on Penn Foster High School's Accreditation web page: www.pennfoster.edu/why-penn-foster/about/accreditation.

Is Penn Foster's high school diploma accepted at colleges and universities?

Penn Foster High School is both regionally and nationally accredited, and these prestigious forms of accreditation mean that Penn Foster High School has met the high standards required by these agencies. Penn Foster graduates have gone on to study at many universities nationwide. Acceptance of the Penn Foster High School Diploma is at the individual college's or university's discretion.

Does Penn Foster High School have a faculty list?

Yes. Visit the Our Faculty page on our website so see detailed bios of our high school instructors: www.pennfoster.edu/faculty

What is Penn Foster High School's schedule?

Penn Foster High School's online diploma program allows students to approach their classes and studies at a pace that is right for them. Whether they need to supplement an existing curriculum, fill missing course credits, or fully engage in a comprehensive online program, they can achieve those goals on their schedule. We provide a system of support through our dedicated faculty, as well as 24/7 support from an active, dynamic online Community of their peers.